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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION:

GOVT OF QATAR DELEGATION

1. WE HAVE BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT GOQ DELEGATION TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION WILL BE HEADED BY SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, AND AMIR'S SON. (ABDUL AZIZ REPRESENTED QATAR IN PREVIOUS SPECIAL SESSION IN APRIL 1974.) HE WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY DR. HASSAN KAMEL, AN EGYPTIAN WHO IS THE GOQ'S SENIOR ADVISER; ABDULLAH SALLAT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM AFFAIRS; AND MIDHAT ABDUL LATIF AND ABDULLAH ATTIAH OF THE MINISTER'S PERSONAL STAFF.

2. ALTHOUGH ABDUL AZIZ IS SUBSTANTIVELY A FLYWEIGHT, HE WILL BE BACKSTOPPED BY KAMEL, WHO IS QUITE SOMETHING ELSE. KAMEL IS AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT WHO KNOWS THE UN WELL AND WHO WILL TELL ABDUL AZIZ WHAT TO DO AND SAY. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT ABDUL AZIZ WILL FOLLOW KAMEL'S GUIDANCE CLOSELY. KAMEL HAS STRONG VIEWS ON THE ISSUES THAT WILL BE BEFORE THE SPECIAL SESSION. HE BELIEVES FIRMLY IN THE "NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER"

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SYNDROME, AND REGARDS THE ALGIERS OPEC SUMMIT'S SOLEMN DECLA-

RATION AS THE MOST ENLIGHTENED DOCUMENT SINCE THE KORAN. KAMEL ALSO FEELS THAT THE WESTERN INDUSTRIAL WORLD AND THE US IN PARTICULAR, HAS SPURNED THE GENEROUS HAND EXTENDED BY OPEC AND THE LDCS AS ARTICULATED IN THE SOLEMN DECLARATION. HE IS OF THE VIEW THAT US WAS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR BREAKDOWN OF PREPCON.

3. THIS IS NOT RPT NOT TO SAY THAT KAMEL IS A RABID HARDHEAD. HE IS URBANE AND SOPHISTICATED, AN EGYPTIAN DIPLOMAT OF THE OLD SCHOOL. HE SPEAKS FRENCH FLUENTLY AND ENGLISH WELL. HE DOES HIS HOMEWORK AND IS WILLING TO LISTEN TO OPPOSING POINTS OF VIEW. HE IS SOMEWHAT VAIN AND POMPOUS, AND RESPONDS TO RECOGNITION OF HIS POSITION, WHICH HE REGARDS AS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

4. WE WILL BE SURE THAT KAMEL IS BRIEFED ON US POSITIONS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE USDEL TO SEEK OUT AND CULTIVATE KAMEL AND TO INCLUDE HIM IN HOSPITALITY AS APPROPRIATE.

5. FOR NEA/ARP. SUGGEST IT BE CONSIDERED THAT KAMEL BE INVITED TO WASHINGTON FOR AN EIGHTH FLOOR LUNCH HOSTED BY ASST SECY ATHERTON OR DEPUTY ASST SECY SOBER. KAMEL HAS ALSO MET AND HAD MONOLOGOUS CONVERSATION WITH TREASURY ASST SECY PARSKY, WHO MAY (OR MAY NOT) WISH TO RENEW THEIR ACQUAINTANCE.
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